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Looking for a Few Good Men/Women!

The Selectboard will soon be making a number of important appointments and would like to hear from anyone with an interest in the following positions. Recent elections left a vacancy on the **Planning Board** to be filled by a one-year appointment. After the initial year, the individual appointed may run for a full five-year term. The Planning Board administers the town's Zoning By-Laws including certain special permits. It will also turn its attention to a long-range Master Plan to shape the town's future physical and economic development. Two **Finance Committee** members will be appointed by the Chair of the Selectboard, the Town Moderator, and the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee plans and oversees the town budget(s), recommends on spending to the Town Meeting, administers the "reserve fund," and does long-range financial planning. Those new to the Finance Committee will join the experienced and dedicated members who have served the town expertly for years.

The Selectboard will also appoint the **Franklin County Solid Waste District Representative** who will work with the district to address regional landfill and waste disposal issues. The Board also needs to hear from citizens who might be willing to serve as **Hazardous Waste Coordinator** and **Health Agent/Epidemiologist.**

Consider adding a line to your resume and serving your fellow Wendell citizens in one of these important positions. The Selectboard hopes to hear from you! Call 544-3329 or 544-3395 and leave a message.

Margo Culley

NEW TOWN DIRECTORY INSIDE !

COMMON SENTIMENTS

The Town Common Committee will hold a public hearing Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center to get townspeople's feelings about lighting, landscaping and traffic patterns (road closings and intersection changes) around the Common.

The committee is readying a grant proposal under the Historic Landscape Preservation grant program of the Dept. of Environmental Management.

Other subjects open to discussion will be putting the utility lines underground, parking, a sidewalk, and drainage.

The lighting question--whether to provide light in the center of Town and when--is a controversial one. Some see safety benefits and others value the nighttime darkness. On other issues, changes in traffic patterns would allow an enlarged Common with more attractive landscaping--taking the Common back from the automobile, so to speak. Parking for Town Hall events could be impacted.

The idea of a sidewalk from Lake Grove School to the store has been raised by the road commission. It would double as a bike path and jogging path.

Burying electric lines would allow room for maples to be planted along our long Common as well as restoring a look that Ted Lewis reminds us it had "not that long ago". Electricity came to the Center and most of Wendell in the mid-forties.

The "No. 1 problem", according to Ted, is a drainage problem off Center Street into the properties to the east near the Town Hall.

Jonathan von Ranson

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

Sat., July 12th Rain Date Sun., July 13th

Coming up on Saturday, July 12 is Wendell Old Home Day, full of music, food, crafts, tag sales, games, a parade, children's music, jugglers, clowns, chicken BBQ, conversation, laughter and more music. The day will start with a Children's Parade led by Smokey the Bear at 10 a.m. The music and entertainment line-up includes Friends of Outerspace Band, Gangly Hearts Band, Court Dorsey - a solo theater revue, The New Nohemians: Lynne Hardy and Bruce Kahn, The Kevin Sysyn Band, Gypsy Wranglers plus more. For a specific schedule please look for posters around town.

To offer much needed help or for questions please call Annie Diemand at 544-6111 or Karen Copeland at 544-7352.

**** FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 10 AM ****
COME ONE, COME ALL!

NEW SALEM OLD HOME DAY

New Salem Old Home Day is slated for Saturday, July 19th. All are invited to come and to participate in the following events:

7:00-10:00	Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	Registration for Ben Stacey Footrace; this race includes three separate divisions for girls & boys under 8 years, 8 - 11 years, and 11-13 years.
10:30 a.m.	Family Foot Race
11:00	Children's Crafts
12:00 noon	Parade with Go Soccer! theme
12:30	Children's Contests Two Person Saw Contest Basketball Shootout
1:30	Volleyball Championship
1:30-3:00	Soccer Games
5:00	Chicken Barbecue
7:30	1794 Meetinghouse presents theater artist, Kate Carney.

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POST ARTICLE INSTRUCTIONS

Please send submissions to Wendell Post, PO Box 113, Wendell, MA 01379.

All articles and letters submitted to the Post for publication need to be signed.

If you have a computer, you can help by setting them in our style: 3 3/4" wide, 10 point font size, standard font. Indent three spaces for paragraphs, and do not use an extra space between paragraphs. Please be brief, to share our limited space. If you have questions, call a Post staffer.

Articles: The Post welcomes signed, concise articles about topics of interest to Wendell

Letters: The Post accepts brief letters. Remember, passion doesn't need to be mean.

Artwork: Local artwork lovingly accepted. Must be in shiny black ink.

ADS $7.50 business card!

Letters

To the Wendell Post:

There has been controversy at Swift River School over the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, which was conducted this spring for the 5/6 graders.

The parents of almost 1/4 of the 5/6 graders chose not to have their children participate, and the parents of some taking the program expressed doubts about its effectiveness or wished a different program were in place. This rate of non-participation is expected to continue.

Because of the controversy, former Principal Leonard Strauss set up the ongoing Drug Education Awareness Committee, of which I am a member, which is looking at alternative drug education programs.

Some of the curricula cover topics of health and wellness, violence prevention, resistance skills, critical thinking and character eucation, as well as specific information about all types of drugs.

In my own research I have found a very promising, scientifically-based program which goes beyond teaching abstinence to the concept of harm reduction.

Recognizing the ever-increasing use of drugs by adolescents and the prevalent misuse of prescription drugs, the program provides a method by which to become aware of the harmful effects of both legal and illegal drugs. It provides factual, unbiased information in a non-judgmental, health-focused way, without singling out some drugs as much worse than others, which tends to confuse children.

This program recognizes the potential harm of all drugs, pointing out that 50% of all emergency room overdoses occur with prescription drugs, which also account for 70+% of drug-related deaths. It points out that tobacco accounts for 425,000 deaths each year, alcohol 135,000, second-hand smoke 50,000, illegal drugs 10,000, and marijuana none. It stresses that no drug is safe, that all have side effects.

The program presents drug consumer safety rules with which to examine what a particular drug's main and side effects are, whether there's a risk of dangerous interaction with other drugs or allergic reactions, whether the drug will produce dependence or tolerance, and whether misuse of or dependence on the drug is life-threatening.

Parents have objected to the fact that the DARE program teaches abstinence as a realistic goal for all children, therefore neglecting to provide information on the hazard potential of all drugs--the seriousness of intoxication, dependence, withdrawal, development of tolerance etc. Children need to learn drug consumer safety to become responsible adults making wise choices.

Parents object to the judgmental approach which portrays drug abusers as bad people, rather than good people with health problems. Given this impression, children may acquire negative feelings about family members who smoke, drink alcohol, etc., attitudes which are not conducive to solving health problems.

Many parents object to DARE because all scientifically-based studies show that the program is ineffective. Not trying other programs means opportunities lost for our children to get the drug education they need to reduce the possibility of harm.

Parents object to police officers teaching drug education because they are protective of their privacy; because police are not health professionals and have no teaching credentials; because a profession with one of the highest suicide rates in the country isn't qualified to teach stress management; and because drug abuse is inherently not a law enforcement issue but rather a health problem for which drug treatment is the solution.

Much of the popularity of the DARE program seems to originate from its feel-good, follow-the-leader approach. A subject as important as this should be taught as a serious academic subject by health professionals, imparting to their students an ability to think independently and offering access to the facts needed to make wise choices. It is inappropriate for a scientific and health-based subject to be presented with the aid of teddy bears and consumer commodities such as T-shirts, bracelets, bumper stickers etc. Our school community already has available the "team spirit" and good feelings that DARE engenders, in our soccer and gymnastics programs, our numerous exciting field trips, and our 6th-grade graduation, which the whole school attends each year.

If you have school-age or younger children, it's important to let the school's principal and your school board know what kind of drug education you want in the school. If you want a change, each and every one of you needs to act now and be heard. Talk to the principal, who is working through the summer. Talk to the School Board members both from Wendell and New Salem. This may be your last chance for effective drug education for your children at Swift River School.

Gloria Kegeles

Dear Wendell Post,

I wanted to thank everyone involved with the Community Policing Grant that brought "Bold Women - A Self-Defense Course" to our communities. Specifically, I want to thank the Wendell and New Salem Police Departments, Regina Curtis and especially Annie Diemand for making this a reality. Taking the course has been an empowering experience. It may help me to avoid threatening situations as well as give me a fighting chance for survival should I be confronted with a violent attack. The instructors, Karen and Rhonda, are highly recommended and have done a great job. With Rhonda's sense of humor, she could rival Click and Clack for entertainment value, should she ever decide to do a radio talk show.

Gratefully,

Kim Noyes

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WENDELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

What follows is a brief account of the Community Council meeting held on June 1. In attendance were Jonathan G., Robert H., Gloria K., Chris M., Laura M., Ann Marie M., Parker C., Josh D., Bob E., Karen F., Court D., Annie D., Patti S. and Vic S. The meeting was facilitated by Court D. and Karen F. Ground Rules for the meeting are: no put-downs, treat people with respect, and people are free to share on any subject.

Announcements

Renaissance Fair will take place on the lawn aside the Wendell Country Store on Aug. 16. Contact Laura M. and Donna for additional information and sign up.

Gossip vs. Fact

Chris M. introduced and spoke about an occurrence he witnessed during Sunday Brunch at the Country Store. Marianne S. allegedly threw hot coffee at Jan who was working in the store at the time. Patti S. shared her experience of the incident. Ann Marie expressed discomfort with the process and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that while gossip vs. fact as a topic for the council was a good idea, the ground rules and process for presenting information to the community would have to be studied and worked through.

Police/Community Relations

Police/community relations was brought up at a previous council meeting and then selected as the topic for discussion for this meeting. Josh D. spoke of his experiences with police in the community and the need for mutual trust and respect between citizens and police. Annie D. had read about the planned discussion concerning police and came to respond. Annie D. shared her experience being a police woman and remarked about how difficult the job is. Concern for the well-being of both citizens and police was put forward by Parker C. Police under stress caused some folks to be fearful of police abuse and for the safety of persons in the community. Concern was also expressed for how to make police accountable for their behavior. People were asked to think about ideas about what to do.

Update on the Wendell Country Store

Patti S. gave a discouraging report about the current situation at the store. Volunteers are needed to help with details and shoplifting remains a major problem. The next community circle will discuss in length the Country Store.

Mary Jane Update

Medical results show that Mary Jane B. has a serious illness, multiple myeloma. Anyone wanting to help the family is asked to contact Patti S. at the Country Store.

Future Meetings

Dates of future meetings will be posted at the Country Store. All are welcome.

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Looking to form a "Wendell Web Site Consortium"

Robert Heller of Deepwoods Software

June 9, 1997

I know there are several business in Wendell who have web sites (Deepwoods Software is one). Most of us pay a monthly fee to some Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the use of the provider's server to host our web sites. This is fine up to a point – sooner or later, as the web site grows and you add more features, you begin to want to have a greater level of control or access, which you cannot get from your ISP. The obvious way to gain this access and control you need is to have your own server, but this is costly – you need a server machine and a dedicated high-speed data connection and most of the local business people would also need to hire a system manager who knows how to manage such a system. This all gets to be costly and complicated.

I would like to propose an alternative: forming a "consortium" of local businesses (and organizations) and acquiring a server machine and a high speed line. Is anyone else in Wendell interested is this idea? If you are, give me a call or drop me an E-Mail at heller@deepsoft.com.

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS

Erving School Union #28 was fortunate to receive the Massachusetts Community Partnership Grant. An important part of this grant is to provide subsidized (partial-full payment) daycare for eligible parents.

Children must reside in towns whose school districts include Erving, Leverett, Shutesbury or Swift River Elementary Schools.

In the Erving School Union #28 there are a number of providers licensed by Office For Children participating in this program. These providers must have completed a course in C.P.R., First Aid, and basic child development. They are knowledgeable in providing a safe environment as well as providing opportunities that stimulate children to play and express their creative abilities.

Please support your local O.F.C. Licensed providers.

The providers participating in the Community Partnership Grant are listed by town/alphabetically:

Erving: Karen Canedy
Vicky Fellows
Eileen Lavin
Leverett: Amar Fuller
Jean Williams
Hampshire-Franklin Daycare
New Salem: Angela Fisher
Lisa Furnelli
The Enchanted Forest:
(After-school/ Summer program)
Shutesbury: Terry Ellis
Lori Tuominen
Wendell: Tammy Richard
Louanne Soos

If you are interested in this program, please contact the Erving School Union#28 Community Partnership Grant Coordinator Gillian Budine at (413) 659-0204.

OUT IN MY GARDEN

"My garden" no longer refers only to the vegetable garden I've faithfully spaded over for 20 years. By grace and a move it now refers to a whole side yard between our house and the library, across the street from the town common, containing lilacs, rose bushes, fruit trees and expanses of lawn. In the peonies and white roses it retains the touch of the old schoolteacher who lived here her entire adult life. The vegetable garden is restored, down next to the field, due to a concerted efforted of plowing, rototilling and rooting and stoning it during May. In it broccoli Susan planted supplicate the broad sky and peppers shimmer, tomato vines grow thick and onions reach up a sentinel finger for their share of sun's wealth. Since 6 o'clock this morning no weed threatens a vegetable plant from closer than 6 inches.

I've labored over that vegetable patch. But the garden's center of gravity is up the slope a ways, closer to the inherited perennials, closer to the road. It's oriented around the places where one leans in to sniff a mock orange blossom and receive that hit--and the promise of many more before the petals fall. It's up around where I planted the apple trees this spring, near the rocks in the lawn, set like teeth in green gums, speaking of the past: past outbuildings, perhaps, or past decisions not to extract them. They're hard to mow around, those rocks...and they're worth it. They spoke to Susan first; I'd have put them into my stonemasonry pile. But I've come to agree with her: let's keep them.

The garden's solar plexus, for me, is near those rocks, which are near the mock orange of Mrs. Lewis who died last December, and the picnic table I recently inherited from my mother. Her round of outdoor summer meals served on that table came mainly from her garden (vegetable) and the setting was a backyard bordered and highlighted with beds of flowers and mats of ground cover. The weathered table already seems to belong here in the shade of the ancient ash.

This morning in the quiet of 5:30 or 6 o'clock I was hailed as I hoed by my neighbor Kuumba. She was walking by. We met near the middle of the greater garden and admired the morning together. Air like a pillow drew past our legs and arms. The foliage of the ash and the maples sparkled and whispered overhead. High cirrus and young cumulus clouds diluted the color of the sky to a classic summer's blue chambray. We talked plants and neighborhood and Arizona. She smelled the mock orange, noticed a new peach on Mrs. Lewis' dying old peach tree. We each brought a fertility to our conversation, and the definition of garden expanded to the cultivation of human relationships.

As it had in fact already begun doing when I planted the apple trees. That day, brand new to the center of town, I needed another set of hands to help remove the root balls from the plastic pots that had been their home. I called to a young girl across the street, playing on the Common. It was Lana Brol. She came willingly, and together, with careful fingers spread beneath the crumbling soil, we lifted the trees into the holes I'd prepared. How a moment of simple help has etched my memory like that, etched it to the depth of gratitude for this girl's willingness and trust, consecrating my garden...

How does your garden grow...?

Jonathan von Ranson

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 18, 1997 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Chris Moreno, Friends of Wendell attended seeking use of Senior Center for upcoming meetings.

Board signed papers for Housing Authority.

Standard Contract Form reviewed and approved for contracted employees.

Board signed papers for grader.

Letter received from Paul Rich.

Joanne Carey's, Town Treasurer position will be open.

Board signed letter of support for Town of Orange grant.

Swift River School Budget Meeting is March 20, 1997 at 7:30.

Invitation received for Legislator's Information Day at Franklin County Technical School on April 11, 1997.

FCOG question and answer session will be April 12, 1997.

Discussion of River Rat Race Day.

FCSWMD Meeting March 20, 1997.

Lake Grove Community Advisory Meeting will be April 9, 1997 at 7:00.

Letter received Bob Rottenberg, Franklin County Solid Waste Management on Orange Landfill Reclamation Project.

Discussion of Board of Health grant available.

Board signed support for Franklin County Commission grant to fund low income dental care.

Letter sent to Paul Rich.

Discussion of increase to Wendell for Mahar students.

Discussion of Annual Town Meeting articles for Public Works line item, Reduced Salt Area signs, Town Common land survey, improvement, and drainage.

Discussion of filling Treasurer's position with Lee Trousdale, Finance Committee. Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 25, 1997 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Wanita Sears. Minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Anne Hartjens, Town Clerk attended to discuss with Board efforts to update street list to reflect current residents.

Margo Culley updated Board on most recent ZBA hearing for Wren Gould Road. Jurisdictional questions, current, and projected legal counsel costs were discussed.

Chrystal Conway of Wren Gould Road attended to notify Board of her and her husband having legal counsel to help them with obstacles presented with Rural Housing Development's efforts. Statement was made to the Board for the expediency of Town processes. Mediation was suggested by the Board.

Full Moon Coffeehouse has requested Town Hall not be rented Saturday afternoons prior to their events due to musicians setting up.

Letter received from David Tasgal on car towing.

Board signed Dry Hydrant paperwork.

Board signed Revenue Anticipation Note.

Discussion of Town Hall and Town Offices repair.

Information received on proposed grass walkway on Morse Village Rd.

Newsletter received from Community Health Programs.

Allison Wight reported a septic tank problem at the Town Hall.

Annual Town Meeting will be Tuesday May 27, 1997 at 7:00. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 8, 1997 Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Joe Coll, Athol Daily News and Wanita Sears. Minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

There was no meeting April 1, 1997 due to storm.

Route 2 Task Force Meeting will be April 3, 1997 at Phillipston Town Hall.

DEM Cutting Plan received for Jerusalem and Davis Roads.

Discussion with Wanita Sears on Town Hall kitchen improvements and a raffle to benefit the Good Neighbors.

Cain Blackbird discussed logging to be done on Kentfield Rd.

Mez Ziemba and Robert Heller submitted a proposal to the Board for New Moon Video Dances. These will be held at the Town Hall with a teen focus.

Mez Ziemba discussed the Footbag Peace Initative to be held at the Town Hall for teens. Both are sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Discussion of Swift River School budget with Phil Delorey, School Committee.

There will be a combined Community Policing /Senior Safety Program Meeting to be announced.

Bruce Hunter, Franklin County Regional Housing Authority discussed walkway on Morse Village Rd. and a future Block Grant for Wickett Pond and Plain Roads.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 15, 1997 Mambers present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Bid received from Mark Stewart for Town Hall roof repair.

Request received from Police Department for Annual Town Meeting article for new four wheel drive vehicle.

Swift River School Budget Meeting will be April 17, 1997 at 8:00.

Questions posed for Dave Richard in reference to DEM Cutting Plan.

Updated information received from Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

Discussion of MMA Action update and bulletin on House budget debate for full funding of of PILOT monies and regional school transportation.

Invitation received from Franklin County home Care to walk in Meals on Wheels Walkathon.

Bob Leet, Board of Health notified Board that D & B Landfill has received a letter of noncompliance from DEP for odors.

Mr. Leet also requested the Board of Health be reduced from 5 members to 3.

New fax machine is needed at Town Offices.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 22, 1997 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Joe Coll, Athol Daily News and Wanita Sears. Minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00

Chris Moreno, Friends of Wendell attended to request use of the Town Hall for a meeting and for a May 10, 1997 fundraiser.

Anne Zak signed Council on Aging grant application.

Notice received from Frank Judice of intent to sell Chapter 61 land.

Discussion of town's new standard contract in reference to Mark Stewart's repair of Senior Center roof.

Letter from Steve Kulik reported House budget increases in PILOT and Regional School Transportation.

Letter received from Paul Rich of barking from Bowers and Wing dogs.

Letter received from Town of Erving that Rte. 2 Task Force Meeting will be May 1, 1997.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Report received.

Invitation received from MDC for Open House in Belchertown on May 4, 1997.

Regina Curtis and Anne Zak will attend the Koppelman & Paige Municipal Law Seminar on May 7, 1997.

Invitation received to Migratory Bird Day at the US Fish and Wildlife Office in Hadley on May 10,1997.

Discussion of Town Hall painting to be done by FCHC workers.

Anne Zak signed for roof repair at Swift River School.

Discussion of meeting with Board of Health on Town Hall septic system.

There will be an All Board Meeting after the election.

Board met with Finance Committee to discuss articles for Annual Town Meeting, school budgets, furnace, boiler, and septic system for Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 29, 1997 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Article will be added to Annual Town Meeting for design of Town Hall septic system.

Letter received from Mark Marceau questioning number of cars under license at Michael Wing's.

Anne Zak will attend Route 2 Task Force Meeting Thursday May 1, 1997 at Erving Town Hall at 7:00.

Rating received for Arch Street bridge.

Ted Lewis suggested an increase of Town Hall Maintainance budget to cover an annual cost.

Regina Curtis cannot attend the Kopelman and Paige Municipal Law Seminar.

Swift River School Committee Meeting will be May 1, 1997 at 7:30.

Letter received from Franklin County Commission of concerns of House Budget language For Cherry Sheet County Assessments.

Memo received from Franklin County Solid Waste District.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Workshop will be held on May 20, 1997 at the UMass Campus Center at 7:00.

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Enchanted Forest

ARTS & RECREATION CAMP

We have a wonderful summer planned for kids of all ages, starting with our new swimming instructor, Margot Hennessy. Margot is the head coach of the Amherst Triton's Swim Team. She has been teaching swimming to children ages 4 to 17 for 10 years. Margot is water safety EMT certified, Red Cross advanced first aid certified and CPR certified. She is a USA Swim Coach and certified member of the American Swim Coaches Association International. She has helped prepare Olympic hopefuls for competition but is equally comfortable just helping kids have a good time swimming. We are honored and proud to bring such an experienced individual to our young folks of the Enchanted Forest.

This year's recreation leaders are the ever-popular Eric Rowe and Molly Altman. These Senior Counselors are back with games and nature adventures throughout our beautiful Wendell State Forest. This may be our last year with Molly because she will be off to pre-med school in California this fall! Molly has been with the Enchanted Forest since she was a camper in 1990 and has grown to be one of our Senior Counselors, making her mark as a devoted member of our staff. Good luck Molly!! We will miss you.

This year we are featuring a new ENCHANTED FOREST T-SHIRT and BASEBALL CAP with the ever elusive Enchanted Forest Elf proudly displayed on the front. Most sizes are $10, caps are $8. They can be purchased mornings at camp or call Gail for a mail order form at 544-6362.

This year we are starting camp July 8th and running through August 14th. Our schedule is Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 am to 3 pm.

Week 1 July 8, 9, 10
Clay Creations/Nature Explorations
Week 2 July 15, 16, 17
Batik and Tie-dye Extravaganza
Week 3 July 22, 23, 24
Multicultural Week--Arts & Crafts
Week 4 July 29, 30, 31
Puppets on Parade
Week 5 August 5, 6, 7
Kaleidoscope of color
Week 6 August 12, 13, 14
Making of musical instruments

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Summer Events
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Wed., July 23rd: 6:45 p.m. -7:45 p.m.
Bedtime Stories with Phyllis and Lisa

Kids are invited to come in pajamas and to bring a favorite stuffed animal friend to nestle in for stories with Phyllis Lawrence and Lisa Aubin. Stories will be geared toward the 3 to 7 year-old crowd and a bedtime snack will be served.

Wed., August 6th: 8 p.m. -9:15 p.m.
Campfire Sing with Sally Alley and Chris

If the weather cooperates ... not too, too, too hot or raining ... Chris Wings and Sally Alley Muffin Stuffin will lead us in songs around the campfire, complete with a marshmallow roast. If the weather is not good, we will move indoors and still have a great sing-a-long. This should be fun for everybody, ages 0 - 102. Parents are especially encouraged to come and help supervise their children.

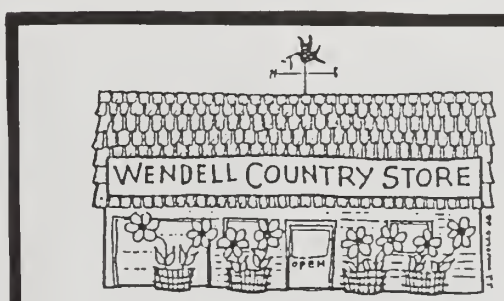
Wed., August 20th: 6:45 p.m. -7:45 p.m.
An Evening on the Wild Side
with Kim and Bill

Naturalists Kim Noyes and Bill Lafley will have us in and around the library detecting nature, playing games, and listening to animal stories. Great for 3 year-olds on up. If your kids love bugs and slugs, this is the place to be.

All summer long Kids are welcome to pick up special Summer Reading Program packets complete with a reading log book, puzzle and game sheets, and discount coupons to area attractions.

See you at the Wendell Free Library!

Rosie Heidkamp
Librarian
544 - 3559



Patti & Vic Scutari
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Wendell, MA. 01379

INTERNET TRAININGS AT LIBRARY

July and August is Internet training time at the Library. These trainings will be geared toward the needs of adults.

Each Wednesday from 6-8:00 pm starting July 9 through the end of August, a local computer whiz will be on hand to guide Wendell residents through the mysteries of the Internet, World Wide Web and also Info Trac (which provides 600 up-to-the-minute magazines and journals on line).

The trainings are free. The trainer will gear the sessions to the needs and skill levels of those attending. No sign-up is necessary. Residents are welcome to come to as many sessions as they like, to build their skill levels.

The computer is available for Internet/World Wide Web and Info Trac use free of charge during all Library hours. There is a 2¢ per page charge for use of the printer. A one to two-hour training session is enough to get one started to "browse the web" on one's own. It is recommended to come to a training, then drop by during the week to work on your own. This will give you plenty of questions to bring to another session.

Especially now with Info Trac, there is a tremendous amount of information available on-line. It's worth taking the time to get familiar with the equipment so you'll be able to locate information next time the need arises. (Medical Research on a particular illness seems to be a common need.)

Anyone is welcome to use the computer for as long as they would like, as long as no one is waiting. If someone is waiting then individuals will be given ½-hour turns. You are welcome to call and reserve a time period on the computer. Reservations will be given priority over drop-ins. Adults will also be given priority over children.

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Rosie Heidkamp
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P.S.

Also, thanks to Susan McCaffrey we have the Complete MICROSOFT OFFICE installed on the computer. The program includes Words for Windows which allows one to type and typeset (otherwise known as word processing). It also includes Power Point which helps one outline and prepare a presentation and also Excel which allows one to set up spread sheets. Ask at a training session about how to use these. If there is not time to demonstrate those programs then we will set up special training sessions for their use.

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State Police 249-4341

A

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Regina Curtis 544-3395
(Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Ambulance
To call an Ambulance -- 911

Assessors
(Thursdays 7:30 at Town Office)
Charles Bowes 544-7735
Ted Gagnon 544-8933
Marion Herrick, Clerk 544-6373
Mary McBride 544-3925
Jean Dwight 544-3395
Assistant to the Assessors, Thursdays 2-4

B

Bear Mt. Preservation Assoc.
Bob Ellis 1-413-659-3512

C

Cemetery Commission
Daniel Bacigalupo 544-2336
John Bulger Sr.
Richie Wilder 544-7961

Civil Defense
Sarah deRoode, Director 544-8695
Ed Farmer 544-2688

Community Policing Board
Kathy Becker 544-2086
Ed Chase 544-3554
Parker Cleveland 544-2668
Anne Diemand 544-6111
Jonathan von Ransom 544-3758
Anne Zak 544-6801

Conservation Commission
(1st and 3rd Tues at 6:15, Town Hall -- 544-3775)
William Lafley 544-2913
Mason Phelps 544-2735
Charles Smith 544-6933

Constable

Fire Department
(meets 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30pm)
To report a fire -- 911

Fire Station 544-3500
Everett Ricketts, Chief 544-3494
Bob Bowers, Deputy Chief 544-2082

Firefighters	**Volunteers**
Ezra Bowers	Charles Bado
Sarah deRoode--**EMT**	Linda Diemand
John Doucette	Peter Diemand
Jerry Eide	Bob Shulman
Tim Fortune	
Andy Hamilton--**EMT**	
Josh Heinemann	
China Holslander	
Gerda Swendowski	

Forest Wardens & Dispatchers
Bob Bowers
Anne Diemand
Ted Lewis
Everett Ricketts
Del Williston
Harry Williston

G

Golden Agers
Elsie Diemand 544-2762
Elizabeth Sculley 544-3142
Virginia Wheeler 1-413-659-3743

H

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

L

Leverett Co-op 1-413-367-9794

Wendell Free Library 544-3559
(Hours: Tuesday 3-6pm
Wednesday 1-8pm
Saturday 9:30am-2:30pm)

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Olga Holmberg, Chair 544-2706
Judy Putnam 544-7439
Virginia Schimmel 544-2924
Sylvia Weatherby 544-6146
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Phyllis Lawrence 1-413-367-2175

M

Moderator
Kathy Becker 544-2086

N

NELCWIT 1-413-772-0806

P

Planning Board
(1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 at Senior Center)
Richard Asmann 544-8519
Shirley White 544-8457
David Wilder 544-2773
Al Walsh 544-2287

School Committees
Swift River
(meets 1st Thursdays 7:30pm)
Phil DeLorey 544-2236
Chris Ewell 544-8126
Beth O'Connell 544-8860
Faith Pederzini 544-2076
Mahar
(meets 1st Tuesdays 7:30pm)
Jean Forward 544-7502
Franklin County Tech
Al Diemand 544-2762

Selectboard
(meets every Tuesday 7 Town Offices)
Margo Culley 544-2020
Ted Lewis 544-3329
Anne Zak 544-6801
Wanita Sears, Clerk 544-7198

T

Tax Collector
(1st and 3rd Sat 9-11am, Tues 7-9pm, and by appt)
Judith Wilder office 544-8617

Town Accountant
Nancy Riebschlaeger 544-2741

Town Clerk
Anna Hartjens home 544-6052
store 544-6682

Town Hall 544-3775

Town Hall Custodian
Joy Gorzocoski 544-8345

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fax 544-7467

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Carolyn Manley 544-7028

Tree Warden
Daniel Bacigalupo 544-2336

V

Veterans Agent
Alan Baldwin 544-3509

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Elsie Diemand 544-2762
Elizabeth Scully 544-3142

Country Store

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544-8646

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Jake Graton 1-413-256-0326
Phyllis Lawrence, Chair 1-413-367-2175
Annemarie Meltzer 544-7943
Kim Noyes 544-2913
Gloria Kegeles 544-0922

The Wendell Meeting House

D

Dog Officer

Maggie Houghton 544-777

E

Enchanted Forest

Gail Krutka 544-6362

F

Finance Committee

Joe Diemand 544-7456
Michael Idoine 544-2623
Daniel Keller 544-2857
Lee Trousdale, Chair 544-7335

Health Agent Epidemiologist

vacancy

Health Agent Inspector

Charles Smith 544-6933

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Martina Carroll 544-8978
Bob Leet, Chair 544-6122
Nancy Spittle 544-6760
Jane Stone 544-3954

Highway Department 544-3735

Daniel Bacigalupo, Superintendant 544-2336

Historical Commission

Jerry Eide 544-7864
Jean Forward 544-7502

I

Inspector of Animals and Stables

Debbie Lapinski 544-3624

Inspector of Buildings

To be appointed

Inspector of Wiring

Franklin County Cooperative
1-413-774-5623

Inspector of Plumbing

Herb Hoengasser 1-413-773-5952
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Edward Chase, Chief 544-3554
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Theles J. Blackbird
Anne Diemand
Tom Hebert

Positive Action Committee

Anna Hartjens 544-6052
Judith Wilder 544-2773

R

Recreation Committee

Mez Davis 544-7561
Anne Diemand 544-6111
Ken Holmberg 544-2706
Ina LeVangie 544-3414
Ingrid Shockey 544-7201

Registrars, Board of

Judy Anderson 544-7613
Anna Hartjens, Clerk 544-6052
Belinda Parson 544-2066

Road Commission

Mike Anderson 544-7613
David Wilder 544-2773
Harry Williston 544-6951

S

Schools

Swift River Elementary 544-6926
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Christine Lewis, Principal 544-6926
Mahar 544-2542
Eileen Perkins, Superintendent 544-2920
Francis Zak, Principal 544-2542
Fax 544-8383
Franklin County Tech 1-413-863-9561

W

Wendell Country Store

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Sunday 9am-8pm)

Wendell Depot Store

(Monday-Friday 7-11am, 1-5pm 544-6682
Saturday 7-11am)

Wendell Old Home Days

Anne Diemand 544-6111

Wendell Post

Kathy Becker 544-2086
Anne Diemand 544-6111

Wendell Post Office

Wendell Center
Charles O'Dowd, Postmaster 544-7090
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Saturday 8-12)
Wendell Depot
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Parker Cleveland 544-2668
Charles Smith 544-6933

Wendell State Forest

Hal Stowell, Supervisor 1-413-659-3797

Work Permit

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ZBA DENIES APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT

After 3-months' duration of hearings and deliberation, the Wendell Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on May 21 denied the application of Rural Development, Inc. (RDI) for a comprehensive permit to build 4 houses on Wren Gould Road off Jennison Road, based on jurisdictional deficiencies.

RDI filed an appeal to the Housing Appeals Committee of the Dept. of Community Affairs on May 28; the appeals hearing has been set for July 30 at 10a.m. in Wendell.

Through the permit process RDI sought exemption from Wendell's Zoning Bylaws regarding lot size and frontage requirements.

The total project included building 5 houses funded under the Dept. of Agriculture Rural Housing Services programs 523 and 502, which provide technical assistance for self-help construction, and affordable financing for low-to-moderate-income families. The comprehensive permit process allows combined approval by just one body (the ZBA) of exemptions from zoning bylaws as well as of applications which would normally be submitted to other town boards.

The ZBA heard extensive testimony from local officials and boards, abutters and townspeople. While a few spoke in favor of granting the permit, many more stated their objections.

There was general consensus that Wendell welcomed the families who wish to build here, but that it's not necessary to build on non-conforming lots, for there are many lots on the market --which are considerably less expensive and don't involve road-building and maintenance costs--which conform to our zoning bylaws. RDI did not establish evidence that the exemptions sought were for the purpose of lowering the cost of the project.

Townspeople felt that our zoning bylaws should not be compromised in view of the fact that they were created for health, safety and environmental reasons, taking into account Wendell's topography and reliance on septic systems.

The state law under which this application was brought (M.G.L. c. 40B) was passed by Ch. 774 of the Acts & Resolves of 1969. The Act is entitled "An Act Providing for the Construction of Low or Moderate Income Housing in Cities & Towns in which Local Restrictions Hamper Such Construction." The legislators' intent was to provide relief from exclusionary zoning practices which prevent the construction of low and moderate income housing. The ZBA specifically found that the Town's zoning is not exclusionary, nor does it provide an unwarranted barrier to low and moderate income housing construction, and that this law therefore does not apply.

On the contrary, Wendell's zoning bylaws set aside 1/3 of its allowable building permits for the first 6 months of each year specifically for low-to-moderate-income applicants. To state the obvious, Wendell's housing is already mostly low-to-moderate-income housing. The law was designed to prevent "snob zoning" where higher-income communities' abuse of local zoning powers intentionally result in excluding lower-income folks from building in their communities.

The programs under which this project was to be conducted include an Affordability Restriction Agreement to assure compliance with federal affordability requirements. There remain questions as to whether this project actually complies with the affordability requirements in view of the value of sweat equity the owner/builders would provide and the amount of the mortgage to be acquired, which is higher than the affordable housing level set by the government. The cost of the lots is above market value, a road has to be built and access purchased. In addition, the size of the proposed houses is smaller than the requirements.

As the hearings progressed, it was discovered that there were several more exemptions from zoning and subdivision regulations that would be required for this project to proceed.

Gloria Kegeles

STUDENT AWARDS

The Academic Awards banquet of the Mahar National Honor Society was held on May 19. Congratulations to the Wendell residents receiving awards:

Graduating Senior National Honor Society: Nathan Boland

Academic Letters:

Nathan Boland
Kyle Gilman
Caralee Manley
Anne Daniel-Stamell
Kelsey Flynn
Mara Gross
Benjamin Waldron

"A" Award

Kyle Gilman

Erin Sears, daughter of Joel and Wanita Sears of Farley Road, Wendell was the recipient of two Student of the Month Awards. Erin is a freshman at Franklin County Technical School.
Franklin County Technical School named Erin, Student of the Month of May for outstanding academic and vocational achievement.
Erin attended an awards dinner sponsored by Montague B.P.O.E. Lodge #2521 on May 27, 1997 where she was awarded their Student of Month for May from Franklin County Technical School.
Erin achievements this year include highest exploratory shop point average among the freshmen, honor roll throughout the year, Student Council, GSA, SET, Class Advisor, and Peer Mediation. Erin's vocational training is in the computer cluster.

Joel and Wanita Sears

WENDELL GRADUATES

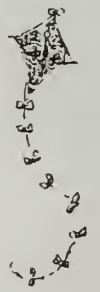
NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL GRADUATES TWO WENDELL RESIDENTS

Shoshanna Gross, the daughter of Steven Gross and Diane Kurinsky, is a 1997 graduate of NMH. A member of the NMH Dance Company and the Peer Mediation Program, she has studied Advanced Placement psychology and has been a staff member of Mandala, the school's art-and-literary magazine. She will attend Antioch College in the fall.

Caleb Keller, the son of Nina and Daniel Keller, is a 1997 graduate of NMH. He has received the 1996 Proctor Prize for Excellence in Writing and has performed in 1997 and 1996 Theatre Program One-Act Festivals. He received the 1995 Departmental Award in Chinese and has been a member of the varsity cross-country ski team. He has studied Advanced Placement English and U.S. history and has been a staff member of Mandala, the school's art-and-literary magazine. He will attend Eugene Lang College in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS!! TO THE FOLLOWING WENDELL RESIDENTS WHO ARE 1997 GRADUATES OF MAHAR:

Nathan Boland
Jon Bowers
Gabriel Drohen
Jesse Mangan
Dan Putnam
Sara Stamell



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Notification received that our phone area code will change to 978 on September 1, 1997. There will be a 3 month changeover grace period.

Discussion of Town Hall and Town Offices repairs.
Meeting recessed at 8:15 for Board to meet with Finance Committee to discuss Annual Town Meeting Budget and to meet on Sunday May 4, 1997 with the Finance Committee and Police Chief.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 6, 1997 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Board reviewed Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting drafts.

FY '96 free cash figure, certified by DOR is ($189,213)

Note received from Franklin County Solid Waste about new signs.

Board signed Chapter 90 fundings.

Received notice from DOR of New Officials Finance Forum.

Resignation received from Judith Wilder as Assistant Treasurer.

Notice received from Planning Board of Bylaw Change Public Hearing.

Bowers and Wing Dog Hearings scheduled for May 13, 1997.

Ethics Commission Newsletter received.

Board appointed Ted Lewis, Selectboard Chair and Wanita Sears, Selectboard Clerk.

Discussion of Town Hall septic system options with Bob Leet, Board of Health. Josh Dostis discussed composting toilet options. Meeting with engineers will be May 14, 1997.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 13, 1997 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Margo Culley. Also present was Joe Coll, Athol Daily News and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed.
Correspondence was reviewed.
Meeting convened at 7:00.

Anne Zak reviewed Town Common Committee Meeting May 12, 1997 discussion of Center Road becoming one way and Town Hall septic plan.

Ted Musinsky has been contacted for Town Hall land survey.

Dog Hearing was held at 7:15. Mr. Bowers agreed to move dog to other side of barn to reduce noise level to Mr. Rich.

Discussion of estimates for Plain and Wickett Pond Road work. Options discussed to cover costs over the Block Grant allotments.

Board reviewed and signed Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Board appointed Joe Coll, Representative to the Franklin County Council of Governments.

Anne Zak signed letter for Community Policing Steering Committee.

Board met with Chris Ewell, School Committee for Swift River School funding for Annual Town Meeting.

Board met with Finance Committee to discuss Swift River School and Annual Town Meeting warrant.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 20, 1997 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis , Anne Zak, and Margo Culley. Also present was Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed.
Correspondence was reviewed.
Meeting convened at 7:00.

Letter received from NEES on vegetation management treatments.

Letter received from Stan Rosenberg about Senate Ways and Means budget increases. for PILOT, lottery, and school monies.

Board signed standard contract for land survey at Town Hall by Ed Mucynski.

Ted Lewis signed amendment to extend Septic Tank Grant program.

Invitation received to attend Mahar graduation on May 30, 1997.

Swift River School Budget Meeting will be May 22, 1997 at 7:30.

Community Policy letter received from Recreation Commission.

Mr. Lewis discussed meeting with engineer for Town Hall septic.

Discussion of State determination and Wendell low income eligibility for Wren Gould Rd. housing development.

Chris Ewell, School Committee introduced Christine Lewis, Swift River School Principal along with discussion of school budget.

Anne Zak discussed changes to Rte 2 from Rte. 2 Task Force Meeting.

Discussion with Finance Committee of Franklin County Council of Governments, Senate, and School budgets.

There is one position open to the Planning Board and two positions to the Finance Committee which will be appointed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 3, 1997 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak and Margo Culley. Also present was Wanita Sears.
Minutes were signed.
Correspondence was reviewed.
Meeting convened at 7:00

Dog Hearing to be held at 7:30 for Paul Rich and Michael Wing was cancelled at request of Mr. Rich.

Public Hearing to be held June 10, 1997 for Class II licensed autobody shop at D&B Landfill.

Mason Phelps, was appointed Representative to Franklin County Planning Board.

Copy of letter received from Steve Kulik to Mass Highway about Davis Road bridge over Lyons Brook.

Letter received from Robert Marsh of his concerns for replacing the Town Hall septic.

Board voted to participate in a proposed merger with the Hampshire County Insurance Trust.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Newsletter requested representative for Public Participation Advisory Committee.

Selectboard summer meeting dates will be July 8th and 22nd, August 5th and 19th.

Owners of unregistered vehicles exceeding bylaw will be sent letters.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00

LLRWMB Meeting March 19, 1997 at 9:30 A.M.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15.
Respectfully Submitted,
Wanita Sears
Selectboard Clerk

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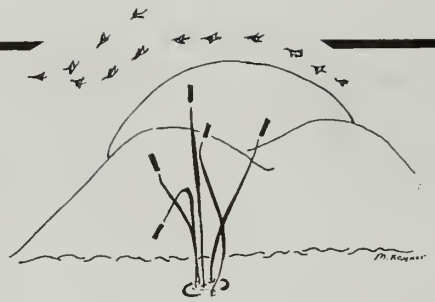

The scene is framed by an approximate rectangle of glass, about three times wider than tall, and in its top left third the undulating figure of the raven flies on away from me, with powerful easy strokes of broad black wings, swinging lightly and gracefully from side to side, but remaining the same size within the windshield's frame. I have the momentary illusion of a string connecting me to the bird as I manipulate the gas pedal to keep the huge figure the same size, glancing down at the speedometer from time to time, ready to dodge oncoming traffic while the forested road-tunnel flows serenely past right and left, first through hardwoods, then the tall red pine plantation. On and on we go, for more than a mile along the broad-shouldered 'new' road whose gentle grades and sweeping curves were littered with the carcasses of wood frogs, peepers and spotted salamanders a few spring days ago.

Raven's fingertip primaries stroke the air as if conducting Brahms; I see the down-pointing beak switching back and forth, and amazement swells in me at the completely unexpected duration of this tenuous but real connection between us, as if the bird is towing me, and when - *poof!* - the raven breaks
left-up-and-over-the-treetops, it is with complete nonchalance, for having made this morning sweep and found nothing, raven goes on to the day's next gig. All along it was perfectly aware of my rattling pickup, for we see each other regularly, at all times of the year; it knows where I live, knows my movement patterns, and I likewise, though with far less detail. *We are neighbors.*

Neighbors, but not brothers. Or maybe both. No, neither - the *clumsiness* of this artefactual language*!* We are Other to each other, and it will never be other than it is. When I step outdoors, I look for, I greet each Other and then we greet each other - wordlessly, saving words for my conspecifics, people of the book who believe words can capture it perfectly if the worder knows his stuff: the chill mouldy aroma flowing in the window, the roar of the iron rack on top of the truck, the peppery jazz music eman-ating from the dash-board right and left. And me: caught in this noisy steel and rubber box from the Second World of human making, treading Substance firmly...I hang onto the wheel, connected, groping, resonating with those rhythmic black wingbeats, ground-bound by this mundane Ford anchor, *but floating wild just the same.*

My way is like raven's, who patrols Montague Road every morning before full light, gleaning the colorful gifts that have washed up or smashed up on the tar ribbon overnight. I *esteem* raven, supreme generalist and polymorphous mimic, now soaring among the cumuli like an eagle, now planing swiftly through the canopy like the red-eyed goshawk, now tumbling and rollicking with his mate in uproarious silent laughter. And raven the songbird: on a still autumn morning I came quietly round a bend in the road, coasting, my bicycle slowing at the end of a long downhill akimbo glide, and met him or her sitting fifteen feet up in a tree. Raven calmly looked down at my smooth passage, then with beak pointed up uttered perfectly sweet, ascending sounds, a lilting phrase that I understood at once as *melody*, a theme such as catbird might embroider upon; and then without haste raven departed, as if on some remembered business elsewhere.

Or, raven on a chill gray day, perched long in solitary bearded meditation atop a white pine tree...brooding?

My way is like raven's: I watch, I see, I take time to stop and drag a burly road-killed porcupine to the shoulder, thinking about it, and leave the weeping carcass on its back, not needing it myself, cogitating whether to open its belly with a knife to make it more accessible - some can't get past the quills, the tough hide. But I hesitate: there are subhumic beings in the slowly warming soil patiently awaiting this gift, valued small creatures who need this spiny nutriment as much as raven. Poet Gary Snyder reminds me: "*The world is as sharp as the edge of a knife*," and so I go on.

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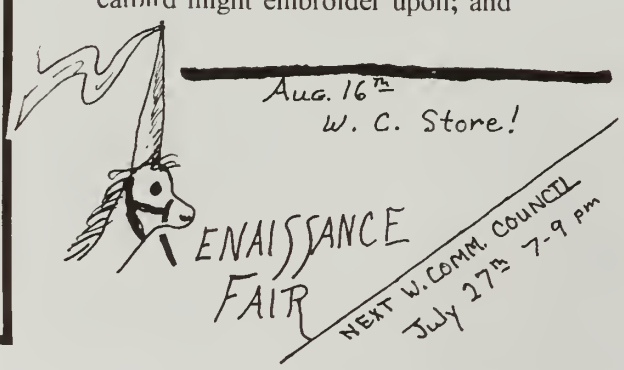

MEMORIAL DAY IN WENDELL

The softly falling rain failed to dampen the determination of Wendell's citizens to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

In a light mist, the annual Memorial Day parade began at the fire station. The marchers, dignitaries and guests proceeded south on Depot Road to the Common. The marchers paused at Wendell's memorials to its sons and daughters who served and/or died in World Wars I and II. The memorials are on the lawn of the Public Library. Soldiers from the local Army National Guard unit, Bravo Company, First Battallion of the 104th Infantry Regiment (Light), placed wreaths at the memorials in commemoration of those who gave their all in service to their country, and the ideals for which this nation stands for.

Members of various local veterans organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Ladies Auxiliary, formed a guard of honor and fired their (blank loaded) rifles in a volley after volley salute to their fallen comrades. The report of the venerable old '03 Springfields echoed across the valleys back to the hilltop, that is Wendell Common.

The parade and observers moved to the bandstand where Jody Bagdonas sang and veterans read President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Flanders Field. "Spider" Smith addressed those gathered on the solemnity of the day, and how combat veterans can never forget, cannot begin to describe, nor wish any one else ever to experience that which he and thousands of others have had to endure.

Ted Lewis thanked all those in attendance and all those who marched. Ted invited all participants and observers to the Wendell Senior Center where Wendell's Golden Agers and other volunteers had prepared refreshments. Thank you's were also extended to all parade organizers.

Joseph Coll

Quiet rain drops were falling,
the first time since we started
doing the ceremony in 1991.

The Band cancelled...seemed like
we might not be able to say our
thank you.

Noon came and the Veterans came,
and the National Guard came, and
our Taps player came, and Ted
Lewis came, and Anny Hartjens came
and...and...and.

They quietly chose to march in the
rain, they quietly placed wreaths
on the monuments, they quietly
played taps, they quietly cried for
those who gave there all for our
freedom.

Words were spoken, songs were sung
and food was offered and enjoyed. A
once a year thank-you was completed,
friends met and laughed for a while
and then went home feeling proud that
in our land we are free to march in
the rain and be who we choose to be.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:
The Powling family
The Golden Agers
The Orange Veterans
The Womens Auxilliary
The National Guard (Gfld)
Jody Bagdonas
Carol Carey
and all who come to watch

You make our day special...

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Judy Wilder
June 1997

WENDELL - NEW SALEM SELF DEFENSE CLASS

The Wendell - New Salem Community Policing Program received a grant to have a self defense class for woman and teen age girls. This class is presently being held at Swift River School. It is an 8 week course and is being taught by BOLD WOMEN SELF DEFENSE from Greenfield. There are twelve women signed up for the class. We are in our fifth week of classes. I've been watching how the women are getting that they have an incredible amount of power and they are realizing that if they do this strike or hit to this particular area it just might buy them time to get away or possibly injure an attacker. It has been mighty nice to watch and participate in this.

I would like to thank our Police Depts., Regina Curtis and the Selectboards for making this program possible. I am still getting calls from women interested in this kind of program. My hope is to be able to offer this again. If anyone is interested please call Anne at 544-6111 or let the above departments know you are interested.

Anne Diemand

POLICE LOG

3/18/97	Harassing phone calls, Wendell Depot Road.
3/21/97	One car accident, Wendell Depot.
3/22/97	Missing person, Farley Road.
4/16/97	Harassing phone calls, Montague Rd.
4/17/97	Alarm at Shutesbury Athletic Club.
4/17/97	Stolen vehicle, West Road.
4/17/97	Vehicle recovered, Dirth & Carlton Rd.
4/20/97	Check welfare, Lockes Village Rd.
4/24/97	Harassing phone calls, Davis Rd.
4/21/97	Car fire, Montague Rd.
4/26/97	Disabled MV, Center & Wendell Depot Road.
4/26/97	Officer wanted, Morse Village Rd.
4/27/97	Two mountain bikes stolen, New Salem Road.
4/29/97	Suspicious vehicle, Locke Hill Rd.
5/07/97	Stolen bike, Jennison Rd.
5/08/97	Arrest on violation 209A,
5/09/97	Check welfare, Farley Rd.
5/16/97	Stolen propane tank, Wickett Pond Rd.
5/18/97	Suspicious persons, West Rd.
5/18/97	Two cars gone thru during nighttime, West Road.
5/19/97	Heater missing, Jennison Rd.
5/28/97	Recovered MV, Fiske Pond.
5/30/97	Officer wanted, Stone Rd.
5/31/97	Suspicious vehicle, West Rd.
5/31/97	Disturbance at Wendell Country Store.
6/02/97	Suspicious person, Wendell Depot Road.
6/03/97	Suspicious person, Lockes Village Road.
6/04/97	Two car accident, Perry Farm Rd.
6/05/97	Alarm at Swift River School.
6/08/97	B&E on a MV, Farley Rd. cutoff.
6/11/97	Deer hit by MV, Main St.
6/11/97	Suspicious vehicles, West Rd.
6/13/97	4 wheelers & dirt bikes on road, Montague Road.
6/17/97	Shots fired, between Jennison Rd. & Gate Lane.
6/18/97	Check welfare, Lockes Village Rd.
^/18/97	Disturbance, Lockes Village Rd.
6/20/97	Alarm at Country Store.
6/20/97	B&E of residence and MV stolen, Wendell Depot Rd.
6/20/97	Alarm, Jennison Rd.
6/21/97	Noise complaint, Montague Rd.

These are the calls that come into Shelburne Control. Each Officer receives calls not listed here.

Officer A. Diemand

FIRE LOG

[illegible]	[illegible]6/97	Chimney Fire	West St.
#4	4 [illegible]97	Med Call	Mormon Hollow Rd.
[illegible]	4[illegible]97	Mutual aid	Shutesbury
[illegible]	[illegible]7/97	Mutual Aid	Shutesbury
#7	4/21/97	Vehicle Fire	Montague Rd.
#8	4/26/97	Medical	Morse Village Rd.
#9	5/12/97	Brush Fire	217 Wendell Depot Rd.
#10	5/27/97	Illegal Burning	West St
#11	6/13/97	Medical	Lake Grove School
#12	6/14/97	Medical	228 Jennison Rd.
#13	6/14/97	Medical	Lake Grove School

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The drug war threatens the public health and public safety, imperils our liberties, finances organized crime, corrupts law enforcement, bankrupts the public treasury, clogs the courts, fills the prisons, and sticks the government's nose into the private lives of citizens where it has no business. Is there a way out? What is to follow?

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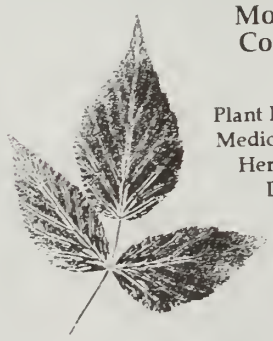
P9. 12 **NEW PLAYGROUND -**

How it Came About

I would like to tell how this playground came about.
In the early 90's I went to the Select board to discuss a couple of things that I thought the town could use. One was a decent playground and the other was drinking water at the town hall. We discussed these issues and decided town hall drinking water was the first thing to deal with. We also decided not to put these things on the tax rate. So Ted and I started the Well Fund. With a lot of help we got drinkable water to the town hall. We had money left over from the well fund that we got permission to use for the new playground. The Playground Committee was born. One summer evening Officer Jim Hebert and I were patrolling and we pulled into the town office parking lot. I told Jim of my latest dream, working on a new playground for the town. He suggested I apply for a DARE grant. We both spoke with Regina Curtis, who wrote the grant for us. (I did have to get down on my knees and beg her). We received $8,000 in this grant. Along with the $2,500 (from the well fund) and other fund raisers the committee had we were able to purchase what is now our new playground/ The Playground Comm. - Karen Traub, Frank Citino, Tom Webler, Ingrid Shockey, Kim Noyes, Bill Lafley, Allison & Eric Wight & Ken Holmberg did an amazing job of taking the ball and running with it. They all put in many, many hours to make this happen. It is always so cool for me to see what effect just a few people with positive energy can have on our town. Even when there was controversy we stuck together to see what the majority of the town wanted and then agreed and went ahead.
The work is not done - we have a few things to do on the children's playground. Plans are starting on the next phase which is a full basketball court to be adjacent to the playground. We have received another DARE grant of $5,000. to start on this. Please speak with one of us if you would like input or have energy to give to this project.

Anne Diemand

Herbal Study Program



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News from the Recreation Commission

It has been a long process, but the community playground is finally nearing completion! The playground committee held a Grand-Opening ceremony on Mother's Day, with Anne Diemand cutting the ribbon. Since then, we've been pleased to see the area getting lots of use. There are still a few final details that need to be finished, and the playground committee is looking for volunteers to help with this last leg. The roundabout needs some structural repairs before it can be painted, a handicapped-accessible ramp needs to be installed, the last few landscape timbers need to be dug and pinned into place, and the playground itself needs to be raked for rocks and debris from all the construction. We have also given some thought to the idea of building a circular bench around the maple tree in the middle of the playground. Any design ideas would be welcome. We have had terrific support from the community, and we thank everyone who has participated in this project over the past year! Volunteers can call Tom at 544-7201 to coordinate work times.

Meanwhile, plans are underway to build a full sized basketball court in the empty lot behind the playground. Building estimates for the court have come in at over $12,000.00! Grant money and other recreational funds have given us about half of the cash needed, but we will need to raise several thousand dollars before we can break ground on this project. We would like to see this addition to the recreational space in Wendell happen. We see a lot of people using the existing basketball net in spite of its bad location. This will get the players out of the parking lot - a source of frustration for both players and for people using the Senior Center and town offices - and provide a safe and quality space for outdoor games!

In other basketball news, the Swift River School has been hosting informal teen basketball games every other Friday night. This is *free* for teens, and goes from 7-9pm throughout the summer. For more information, call Mez at 544-7561.

The Rec Commission invites anyone with ideas, concerns, or free time to come to our meetings. We are always planning future projects - including teen dances, sing-a-longs, soccer field, ice skating - and welcome any input. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at the police station at 7pm. Please call Anne (544-6111) if you plan to attend. Meetings are efficient, so please be prompt.

We will have a fund-raising table at Old Home Days on July 12th. Bring the kids for super spin-art, face painting, bookmark creations, magic hat making, body tracing, and lemonade. See you there!

Playground Safety

Now that the new playground is in use, we would like to remind parents and kids to observe some basic playground safety rules. When we replaced the rotten and rusty pieces of the old playground with our new equipment, we definitely eliminated some real hazards. New playground regulations allowed us to purchase a much safer slide, and climbing and swinging equipment which meets strict standards. We chose to use wood chips as an approved surface to buffer any falls, and a tall fence with two gates was installed along the street and parking lot edges. Many playground accidents, however, can be prevented from the outset. Parents: please be sure that your children, particularly young children, are not wearing clothing with long draw cords, especially on hoods or around the neck. As recently as a few months ago, a five year old was killed on a playground in Boston when his draw cord caught on a slide while his daycare provider turned away for a short minute. Draw cords should be removed or cut short on all clothes and jackets. Children also should be taught not to climb up the slope of a slide. Please leave bicycles outside the fence (we hope to get a bike rack in the future). Finally, no dogs or cats are allowed inside the playground. There are lots of shady spots for your dog to wait along the outside of the fence. Common sense will go a long way to keep the playground safe and fun for the community.

WENDELL LITTER AND PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP DAY

In April we had our sixteenth annual litter pick-up day. We have joined forces with the playground committee to meet the same time and work on the playground repair and clean up. This will be our second year of working together.

We had a sign in for folks working - here is the list of people and areas they did.
* Maple Valley School (Harry, Dwayne, Brian, Gary and Josh) -Farley Rd.
* Tom and Ingrid & kids - Farley Rd.
* Christine & Amy Heard, David, Celina & Wilber Scott - Stone Rd. & Wendell Depot Rd.
* Mez & Clearwater - North on Lockes Village Rd.
*Josh & Mike - From WRATS east & Jennison Rd.
* Stephen & Audrey - South from Center of town towards the store.
* Karen - Wendell Depot Rd.
* Alison & Dylan - Town Common. & playground.
* Lisa & Ben - West on Montague Rd. & playground.
* Ted & Anne - Wendell Depot.
* Ken & Sonja - Montague Rd. & playground.
* Ken, kids, Alison & Melinda - Playground crew.

We also had a sign up for the things that folks found. Here goes - The most common things found were - cigarette butts & packages, beer cans & bottles, alcohol nip bottles. The thing that was newest this year was smokeless tobacco cans. Other items folks tend to litter are styrofoam cups, fast food bags and wrappers, drink containers of all types. There was a bottle of "snake oil" alcohol found on Farley Rd. The grossest thing I have found was a double

wrapped plastic bag that had a small pig's head, legs etc. in it. I tried to get Ted to dump it out but he wouldn't. He told me I was the farmer and I could handle it better than him.

It always amazes me that people litter - what do people who litter think? Do they think it is not their responsibility, that the trash will somehow just disappear? Perhaps they just don't notice our beautiful countryside as they pass through it - I don't know.

We had a wonderful turnout this year and it gives me pleasure to help organize things like this for our town. It is always so cool to see people come from whatever their lives are and work together for the good of the town. One mother came up to me and told how her son had been looking forward to helping on litter pickup day. I guess this is where it can start.

Annie Diemand

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